

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, IN THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR, IOWA'S FARM COMMODITY PRODUCERS ARE HARVESTING THE BOUNTY OF THE RICH SOILS OF THIS GREAT STATE; AND

WHEREAS,
AS WE REAP THESE BOUNTIES, WE MUST TAKE STOCK OF OUR EFFORTS TOWARD THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE LAND FOR OURSELVES AND FUTURE GENERATIONS; AND

WHEREAS, IN SO DOING, IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE IOWA FINANCIAL INCENTIVES PROGRAM; AND

WHEREAS,
THROUGH THIS PROGRAM, THE STATE OF IOWA AND THOUSANDS OF IOWANS HAVE PARTNERED TO VOLUNTARILY IMPLEMENT SOIL CONSERVATION AND WATER QUALITY MEASURES ON THE LAND; AND

WHEREAS, COUNTLESS OTHERS ARE EAGER TO COMMIT THEIR TIME, ENERGY AND MONEY TO PROTECT OUR LAND AND WATER RESOURCES WHILE MAINTAINING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY; AND

WHEREAS, IOWA'S SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS STAND POISED TO WORK WITH LANDUSERS TO MEET THESE CHALLENGES:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS J. VILSACK, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 16 - 22, 2003, AS

## SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION WEEK

IN IOWA, CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT OUR GREAT STATE AS AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE TO THOSE WHO ARE COMMITTED TO PROTECTING OUR PRECIOUS SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, THAT THE  $30^{TH}$  ANNIVERSARY OF THE IOWA FINANCIAL INCENTIVES PROGRAM BE DULY RECOGNIZED FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS IT HAS MADE TO THIS STATE.

ATTEST:

CHESTER J. CULVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND THREE.

THOMAS J. VILSACK GOVERNOR